

Proposed Bill 6354
An Act Establishing A Green Jobs Corps Program.
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Dear Members of the Committee on Higher Education and Employment Advancement:

My name is Julia Fernandes. I am a sophomore at Ledyard High School and I am writing in favor of Bill 6354. Recently I've been focused on finding ways to preserve climate and act against climate change. This is important to me because I like to travel, but with glaciers disappearing and extreme droughts and floods only becoming more frequent, I have fewer opportunities to appreciate the earth's natural beauty. If this bill was to be approved I would also not be as worried about my future and about future generations.

Research shows that climate change has already negatively affected the air, and drinking water, and should only affect more with time. NOAA has found that the rate of warming since 1981 is more than twice as fast, with 0.32° F (0.18° C) per decade; these rising temperatures can cause unpredictable weather patterns. If we started to enforce simple things like composting & recycling we would be reducing greenhouse gas emissions preventing the temperature from rising as quickly as it is. The 10 warmest years have all already occurred since 2010. I care about the environment deeply and would like to see some change, as soon as possible.

By voting in support of Bill 6354, you would be taking a step closer to a safer future. If we started taking the steps needed to make a change, my future and future generations would have a better chance, a better shot. I hope this bill will be passed.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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